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— Strive for true popular support and cooperation — first, where you can get it most easily — concentrating RD program to this end, with primarily military (+ good behavior, "GVN rep," civic action, censuses and police/intel) activity in insecure area.

vs. Thang

This implies: a) RD resources + attention must

go to "pacified" hamlets — not to "expanding blue" area.

? b) PFs are probably necessary phase in "newly-blue area" (unlike to think these cadre can turn villagers from VC-controlled into PSDF directly).

c) Must get more out of cadre than currently:

by: 1) better leadership

2) using as instruments of dist/PC; etc

3) motivation (?) / training

4) use in more secure environment

d) Use Cadre on short-term basis with ARVN in

'new-blue' areas: and/or have ARVN or other cadre do it.

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e) Accept relaxed criteria in new-blue areas: roughly, 6-points as now implemented, recognizing this does not really include much pop-involvement, self-defense, or elim of VC infra.

f) thus, in areas where new RD is applied, mainly military problem (not now done) + simple "order" ops, about at current effectiveness. Result requires constant ^{big} mil. presence, unless anti-guerrilla work done effectively.

Scale of progress — enlarged GVN areas — highly sensitive to military activity, not civil: ~~other~~ both size and tactics — and to location (i.e. VC strength).

as a result of best current approach,
At best, limited public coop in "blue" areas will require continual sizeable military (inc. Chieu, but on areas to be "sacrificed")
N.F) presence, and ~~therefore~~ will lead to some remaining VC activity + influence: with no mil support anywhere.